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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, AS, US

SUBJ: ANZUS: PARTICIPATION BY MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES
IN COUNCIL MEETING

1. FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BLAKENEY INFORMED US THAT AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN
WELLINGTON HAS REPORTED THAT SENIOR NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE POSSIBLE BNZ DECISION THAT
NZ DEFENSE MINISTER AND SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS WILL
NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN FEBRUARY ANZUS COUNCIL.
THUS DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND MILITARY OFFICERS OF
AUSTRALIA AND US WOULD NOT BE INVITED. AUSTRALIANS
UNDERSTAND THAT PRIME MINISTER KIRK WILL DECIDE THIS
MATTER IN FIRST DAYS OF NEW YEAR.

2. EMBASSY WELLINGTON MAY WISH TO CHECK ON THIS STORY
ALTHOUGH WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR NOT RELEASING OUR SOURCE.

3. IN ANY CASE, SINCE WE PRESUMABLY WISH THIS MEETING
TO BE NORMAL ALLIANCE CONFERENCE WITHOUT ANY SUGGESTION
THAT ANZUS IS NOT STILL DEFENSE ALLIANCE, IT MIGHT
BE A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO INFORM NEW ZEALANDERS
RIGHT AWAY OF OUR DELEGATION WHICH I WOULD SUPPOSE
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WOULD INCLUDE BOTH ADMIRAL GAYLER AND ONE OR MORE

SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS.

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